

[Translation]

**Production of Handloom Clothes in
Uttar Pradesh**

1508. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the annual production of handloom clothes in Uttar Pradesh at present;

(b) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme to boost the handloom industry;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any more handloom industries are proposed to be set up in the State; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The State Government of Uttar Pradesh has reported an estimated production of 485.67 million metres of handloom cloth during 1990-91.

(b) and (c). Government of India is implementing a number of Schemes of standing nature for the development of handloom sector. During the Eight Plan period these schemes will be redesigned to suit the need of the area and the weavers providing for greater flexibility and decentralisation and to generate high employment in the handloom sector. During 1991-92 new scheme called "Margin money for Destitute Weavers" has been introduced.

(d) and (e). Handloom weaving is by and large a decentralised activity. Government of India, through their schemes, en-

courages the individual weavers to form cooperatives or enrol themselves as members with the State Handloom Corporations. Assurances under various schemes are provided on the basis of specific proposals received from the State Governments.

[English]

**Bench of Gujarat High Court in
Saurashtra**

1509. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a general demand for setting up a bench of Gujarat High Court in Saurashtra and other regions of Gujarat;

(b) whether the Government of Gujarat has sent any proposal to the Union Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Union Government thereon; and

(d) the time by which the bench is likely to be set up in Saurashtra region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Import of Cast Iron Scrap under OGL

1510. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any representations for allowing import of cast iron scrap under OGL;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the orders for allowing the same are likely to be issued; and

(d) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. The Government have considered representations received from various forum for allowing imports of cast iron scrap under OGL. However, the suggestion has not been agreed to, keeping in view the Balance of Payment and the country's foreign exchange reserves position.

[Translation]

Development of National Highways in Orissa

1511. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of projects received by the Union Government from the Government of Orissa for the development of National Highways during the last three years;

(b) the total number of projects approved, the funds allocated for each project and the areas to which they relate;

(c) the reasons for not approving the remaining projects/schemes; and

(d) whether there is any delay in the execution of these projects; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). Out of 220 proposals for Road/Bridge works received from the Government of Orissa during the last three years (1.4.1988 to 31.3.1991), 142 proposals were sanctioned at a cost of Rs.58.84 crores. Against these sanctioned works, Rs.14.06 crores were allotted during the three-years period. Section-wise break-up of the work sanctioned on different National Highways in Orissa is given in the Annexure.

(c) The remaining proposals could not be processed within the period mentioned due to a combination of reasons, including deficiencies in technical details of the projects submitted, non-acquisition of required land in certain cases, constraint of funds, non inclusion of some of the works in the budget etc.

(d) and (e) Most of the sanctioned works in Orissa are progressing satisfactorily.

S.No.	NH No.	Name of Section (Area)/Description of bridges	No. of works sanctioned (1988-89 to 1990-91)
'A' ROAD WORKS			
1.	6	Bihar Border-Barkote	14
2.	6	Barkote to Sambalpur	13